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Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
Arlington Senior Center
Approved

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order at 7:00 PM for its meeting in the Arlington Senior Center on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Members in attendance included: Shirley Canniff, Leslie Mayer, Jen Rothenberg, Don Vitters, and Associate Member Peter Hedlund. Director of Recreation, Joseph Connelly was also present.

Members from the public: Felix Scheuplein, Trevor Busfield, Jotham Busfield

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 9, 2015 were tabled,

Open Forum – Public Comments

There were no comments.

Menotomy Rocks Park Off Leash Discussion

Mr. Connelly reviewed the written complaint and Mr. Scheuplein shared his frustration with the lack of enforcement of the off leash rules. The Commission discussed the issue with Mr. Scheuplein and shared their frustration as well. Mr. Hedland suggested having a town wide meeting to discuss the off leash issues at Menotomy. The Commission agreed that a public hearing should take place in September and that the focus of the meeting should be to consider the removal of off leash hours at Menotomy Rocks Park.

AYBSL Buck Field Light Discussion

Representatives from AYBSL were unavailable and the discussion was tabled.

Park Properties Abutting Bike Path Discussion

The Commission agreed that an evaluation of safer co-existence of the bike path and active recreation areas should be addressed as individual parks are renovated through the scheduled capital improvement process. The Commission has only received a single complaint/incident at Hills Hill and Hurd Field and though serious would appear to be isolated. If the incidents increase then the Commission may choose another course of action.

The Commission decided to take no action at this time.

Request to Restrict Bicycle Traffic on Spy Pond Park Path

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The Commission reviewed the correspondence from the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Town Counsel and elected to take no action at this time on the matter.

Election of a Vice Chairperson for 7/1/15 – 6/30/16

Mr. Connelly reviewed the Commission Charter. Mr. Vitters nominated Ms. Canniff for the Vice Chairperson position. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 4-0.

The Commission asked Mr. Connelly to put the next meeting date on all future agendas.

Mr. Connelly and the Commission publicly thanked Ms. Mayer for her years of service and leadership as Chairperson of the Commission.

Special Requests

Jotham Busfield – Bishop Field Fundraiser

Mr. Jotham Busfield reviewed his request with the Commission for a fundraiser for the Nepal Relief Fund. Mr. Busfield who works at the Bishop after school program reviewed the games.

The Commission asked for more information and for Mr. Trevor Busfield, as a resident of Arlington, to complete the correct application and for the group to organize with a current 501c3 charitable organization.

The group will attend the July meeting to further discuss event details.

Commission Topic Leader Discussion

Capital Improvements

This discussion topic was asked to be tabled by Mr. Vitters.

Other

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation

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